
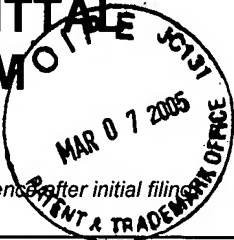


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In a Notice of Allowability (4 pages) mailed with the Notice of Allowance dated December 7, 2004, the Examiner stated, in paragraph 5 on page 3 "See the remarks filed 10 September 2004, page 10, lines 4-21; although the remarks deal with claim 1, they explicitly bring in the silicide layer of claim 21, and now claim 19, in page 10, line 17." Applicants hereby clarify that the Examiner's reasons for allowance of Claim 1 does not limit Claim 1 to silicides only. Instead, the Examiner is merely stating that certain remarks arguing for allowability of Claim 1 are also applicable to Claim 21 and Claim 19 because silicides are examples of Claim 1 compounds.

Note that formal drawings are being concurrently filed in a separate paper.

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Applicants submit seven (7) sheets of drawings, consisting of Figs. 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E, 1F, 2A, 2B, 3, 4 and 5. Please replace all drawings in the above-identified application with the drawings attached hereto.

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